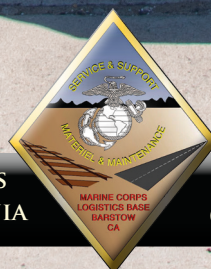


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Robert C. "Chip" Schwartz, new manager of Production Plant Barstow, Yermo annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., stands in front of a recently refurbished light armored vehicle. A long-time employee of PPB, he brings years of experience in plant operations. Former plant manager Ed Shimko moved on in late August. Read more on page 8.



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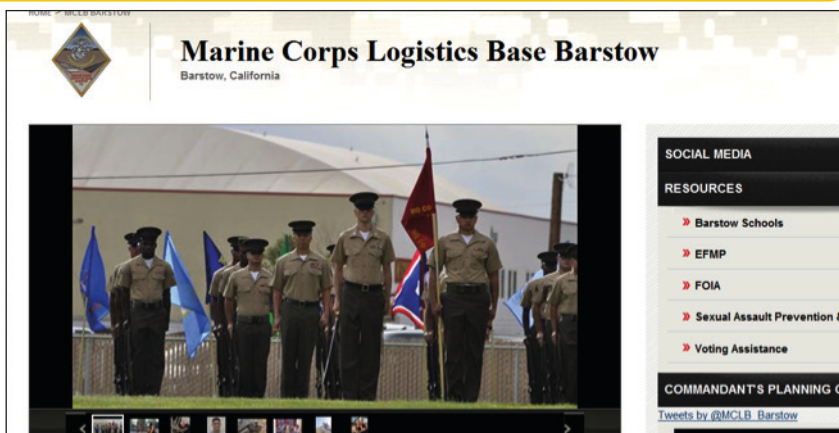
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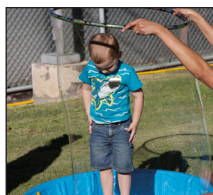
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Leave Share Program

Individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of leave donations:

Bernadette Andrews
Wanetta Blackwell
Julie Felix

Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Share Program should contact the Human Resources Office at 577-6915.

MCPD Seeks Feedback

To address issues, concerns, comments, or suggestions regarding the level of public service provided by the Marine Corps Police Department or its employees on MCLB Barstow, you can use the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) website: <http://ice.disa.mil>, or you can contact the Chief of Police at 577-6678 or the Deputy Chief of Police at 577-6409. This will help department leadership take appropriate corrective or commendatory action.

Customer Appreciation Day Tees & Trees Golf Course Sept. 26

All military spouses will receive free green fees. The course will remain open to the public.

For information: 577-6431

Cooking Class Hobby Shop Multipurpose Room Sept. 28 9 a.m. - noon

Learn basic kitchen skills, teach each other healthy tips and cooking techniques, and have fun cooking healthy meals. Childcare is available. .

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Wear Pink Day Hobby Shop Multipurpose Room Oct. 2 9 a.m. - noon

Join the Behavioral Health Wellness Series in supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink on Oct. 2. Don't own anything pink? Get a free shirt at the MCX between 9 and 11 a.m. and have your photo taken.

For information: 577-6533

Needle and Thread Workshop Hobby Shop Multipurpose Room Mondays Oct. 5, 19, 26, Nov. 2 9 - 11 a.m.

Learn two great sewing projects: cross stitch and a quillow.

For information: 577-6675/6408

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Guest Speaker Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center Oct. 8 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Film star Victor Rivas returns to speak about his experiences with domestic violence. Open to all MCLB Barstow patrons.

For information: 577-6533

Self Defense Class Semper Fit Gym Oct. 13 and 20 6 - 8 p.m.

Increase your options and prepare your responses to slow down, de-escalate, or interrupt an attack. Free t-shirt for attending this two-part class. Register:

dvamselfdefense2015.eventbrite.com

For information: 577-6675/6408

Prepare for Emergencies Live Twitter Chat Sept. 30 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Join Family Readiness Officer Julie Wilbanks for a live Twitter chat hosted by MCLB Barstow's Public Affairs. Wilbanks will answer your questions about National Preparedness Day and how you can best prepare for emergencies. Simply log in to Twitter, follow @MCLBBarstow and search #MCLBBLiveChat to join the conversation. If you need assistance creating a Twitter account or wish to submit questions in advance, call 577-6449 or email Laurie.Pearson@usmc.mil.

Ongoing:

Anger Management Group
Tuesdays 5 p.m.
Marine and Family Programs
Conference Room
For information: 577-6533

Marriage Enrichment Group
Thursdays 5 p.m.
Marine and Family Programs
Conference Room
For information: 577-6533

Play Morning
Fridays 9 a.m.
Desert View Community Center
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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Whether or not you recognize the signs, it's likely that someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse. The person may be someone you serve with, someone from your community, a family member or friend. It is important to realize that many causes and conditions contribute to domestic violence, and it takes more than the usual effort to reduce the risk. Without every one of us doing our part, we cannot say our Marine Corps is fully ready to meet the mission of preventing domestic abuse. Any time a Marine and his/her family suffers from abuse, we fall short of our goals for readiness. Therefore, the message to everyone in the MCLB Barstow Community is clear and simple:

IT STARTS WITH RESPECT. LIVE BY CORE VALUES TO KEEP YOUR RELATIONSHIP HEALTHY AND STRONG.

Despite ongoing recognition of the negative effects of domestic abuse and the ongoing efforts to bring enlightenment, education and training to our Marines and their families, domestic violence remains a reality in our military community. Maintaining a healthy, safe and fulfilling relationship requires motivation, commitment and an ongoing effort by both partners.

The foundations of a fulfilling and safe relationship are trust, open communication and mutual respect. Healthy relationships don't just happen. They take time and effort and support. We all face relationship challenges at some point. Respect and trust are the foundation for healthy relationships, but successful, lasting relationships also require integrity, honor, courage, commitment and selflessness. No matter how tough times get, commit to living by core values and working through problems in a healthy way. Core values are more than talk. Core values are lived and reflected in our everyday practices and interactions. Just as each branch of the military has a set of core values, so should every relationship.

As a military community, we need to commit ourselves to ending domestic violence by supporting the system that holds offenders accountable, provides victims with help and support and continues to educate and train our Marines and family members on positive, nurturing relationships and wholesome family values.

Domestic violence hurts children emotionally, and may cause long term harm. Modeling healthy relationships at home and showing children that communicating in a positive way builds trust and respect is one way we can break the cycle of abuse. The effects of domestic violence leave physical and emotional scars and creates a destructive cycle of violence where oftentimes those who were abused or witnessed abuse, become abusers themselves.

With heightened awareness and strengthened prevention, we, as a Marine Community, uniting for this cause, can also help break the cycle of violence and ensure that our Marine Corps Community is one of safety for everyone. In an effort to battle and eradicate domestic violence, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Therefore, as Commanding Officer, I hereby proclaim October 2015 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, California. I call upon all Marines, family members and Civilian Marines to put forth an effort to speak out against domestic violence, to support efforts to assist victims and to develop the personal skills necessary to eliminate domestic violence in our relationships and in turn, in our community, to create a safer environment for all.



SEKOU S. KAREGA
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer
Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California

Fall Family Festival

Photos by:
Rob Jackson
Public Affairs Officer



Danny Adams, age 10, shows off his new dragon friend during the 2015 Fall Family Festival aboard MCLB Barstow, Sept. 17.

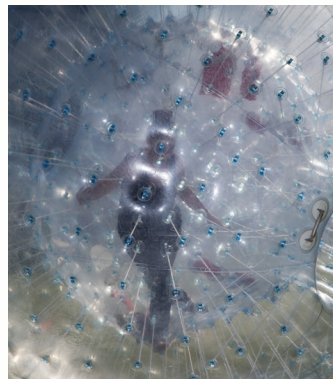


Gunnery Sgt. Eddy Trochet, MCLS Family Restaurant, checks the line to make sure there is plenty of food.

Below: A patron tries to keep her balance in the Jolly Jumper



Above: Three-year-old Ellie Samples proves her mettle on the bungee cords.



Below: Puppeteers Vanessa Tzorin (left) and Abby Muller perform a snake charmer skit.



All aboard the Jolly Express! Friends and family members enjoy a brief train ride down Maj. Gen. James L. Day Street.



POW/MIA Recognition Day at Veterans Home

Photos by:
Rob Jackson
Public Affairs Officer



Above: Master Chief Glen Pearl, U. S. Navy retired, and current adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans Bruce Patterson Post #68, performs the Missing Man Table Ceremony during the POW/MIA Recognition Day event held at the Veterans Home of California-Barstow, Sept. 17. He also displays the POW/MIA flag while the

meaning and background of its origin is being recited to the audience. The Missing Man Table display is to the center left.

Bottom right: Vietnam veteran Charlie Ross, who is a resident of the Veterans Home, sings "America the Beautiful" as he plays the piano.



New leader at helm of Production Plant Barstow

Story by:
Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

Robert C. Schwartz is the new manager for Production Plant Barstow, but you can call him Mr. Schwartz ... or Chip.

"Chip" Schwartz spoke recently about being selected for the top job at PPB aboard the Yermo annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., and discussed, among other topics, how he wanted to be known at the plant.

"I'm listed as Robert C. Schwartz in the Global, but I'm 'Chip' on the sign on the front of building 573 and I'm 'Chip' here to everybody who knows me. 'Chip' is a nickname for (my middle name) Charles," he explained.

Schwartz was hired for the job of plant manager when former manager Ed Shimko moved on in late August.

"I'm a 'homegrown' promotion," he said, having lived and worked in Barstow for the past 18 years.

"I think Barstow is a small, unpretentious blue collar town. I like it," Schwartz said. "You're a couple of hours from everything. I live in a nice neighborhood up by Barstow Community College. I have wonderful neighbors and a stable neighborhood."

He spent one of his six years in the U.S. Air Force at the former George Air Force Base in Victorville, mustering out as a staff sergeant (which is an E-5 in the Air Force) and has worked for the government ever since.

"Since ... July of 1997," he elaborated, "my career has been either in the Calibration Labs or in Building 573 in different capacities."

Schwartz came to the plant manager job with a thorough understanding of what that means. "I run a business here. We know how much we spend on utilities and materials. We pay all of the people here out of our revenue," Schwartz said. "We know and understand very clearly where all of our money goes and how much we spend. We get no appropriated funds from Congress."

He also knows how much Barstow residents depend on PPB for their livelihood. "Currently I have approximately 1,150 people working here and we'll do about \$240 million in revenue this year," Schwartz said. "I want the base to continue as a relevant supplier of ground Marine Corps weapons systems at a cost and quality that keeps us competitive with other repair depots, and remain an employer in the local area."

With that in mind, Schwartz explained his management goal. "I want to control costs and I want to adhere to schedule requirements. We want to break even by recovering our costs on our expenses plus whatever investment we have to make on new equipment."

Schwartz is humbled by the promotion as well as the duties he has taken on as plant manager. "I've derived a lot of benefit from my time here and I hope to return some of that back. I want to be perceived as fair and honest, keeping in mind that our core mission is to provide ground combat systems back to the Marine Corps."

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-- Chip Schwartz



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- Go low under smoke to find a way out
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- If you cannot escape, close doors, cover vents and cracks around door with cloth or tape and call 911.

Base Fire Department named best in Marine Corps

Story by:
Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

The fire department aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., has been officially recognized as the best medium-sized fire department in the USMC and is also the first Marine Corps fire department to be reaccredited by an international agency.

MCLB Fire Chief Paul Purdy received word of the reaccreditation from the Commission of Fire Accreditation International at a hearing in Atlanta Aug. 26.

Purdy added that the recognition is a source of pride for the 66 members of the fire agency. The crews respond to an average 1,000 mutual aid calls every year over a wide area. "We provide mutual aid for two major freeways, the 15 and the 40, for sixty miles in either direction from the base," Purdy said. That means the department's response area is a 120-mile stretch of roadway on both freeways for a total of 240 miles.

"That's massive," Purdy said. "Our skill set is unmatched in the entire Marine Corps Installations West area," Purdy explained. "At a normal traffic collision we have to extricate, do treatment care, and provide advanced life support. We do the work of two engine companies with only one engine. Compare that to a large city like Los Angeles where they may have five or more engine companies at an incident and have mutual aid support from other services as well," Purdy continued.

In 2010 MCLB Barstow became the first fire department only in the Marine

to be accredited by CFAI, as well as being named the best medium-sized department in the DoD.

entire DoD," Purdy said. "Chief (Ryan) Tworek and Chief (Gregg) Kunkel train other departments in MCI West on active shooter programs."



"We have a lot of firsts," Purdy acknowledged. "We're the first to be accredited, the first to become reaccredited, the first to be named best in the DoD, and the first to establish an active shooter response program. Other agencies were doing parts of active shooter programs, but we were the first to put it all together," the chief explained.

"We saw the value of getting to patients quickly, treating them and getting them out of harm's way. That takes a certain task force mindset to accomplish.

"Now the entire Headquarters Marine Corps has adopted what Barstow put in place. From there it will go out to the

To achieve accreditation from the CFAI the fire department has to not only meet 258 criteria, or baseline standards, but improve upon them.

"The reaccreditation, which is required about every five years, means I can go to my superiors and have a measureable report on the effectiveness of the fire department when asking for more resources," continued Purdy.

He concluded, "I am extremely proud of my staff and firefighters for their commitment to excellence. They are outstanding at their jobs and that allows me to successfully pilot the organization. They add real value to our department."



Medic Engine 401A provides mutual aid on Butte Fire

Compiled by Public Affairs Staff

The disastrous California wildfires have grabbed national media attention, and Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. has lent personnel and equipment to its neighbors to the north. The base's Medic Engine 401A and a four-person crew were dispatched to offer mutual aid on the Butte Fire in the Sierra Nevada foothills southeast of Sacramento, Sept. 11 - 19.

The crew consists of Albert Rickwalt, captain; Luke Reynolds, driver operator; Noah Glaza, paramedic and firefighter; and Brad Watson, firefighter. They are part of a Type 1 Strike Team from the High Desert that consists of five engines total, said Paul Purdy, fire chief aboard MCLB Barstow. This Strike Team adds to the other 3,041 personnel assigned to the fire, to include 190 fire engines, three helicopters, 94 bulldozers and 21 water tenders reported on the incident Sept. 22 by the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE).

The mutual aid response is in accordance with the California Fire Assistance Agreement entered into by five federal and two state agencies. Currently, the team is assigned to base camp in Jackson, Calif., located in Amador County, said Purdy.

As a Type 1 fire engine crew, they are assigned to structure protection. Type I incidents are the most complex, requiring national resources to help local agencies manage them. With more than 475 residences lost, as well as 343 outbuildings and

42 other structures damaged, as reported by CAL FIRE Sept. 23, firefighters continue to work to protect another 6,400 structures still threatened by this fire.

On major fire incidents, firefighters often serve two weeks at a time, but can be extended to three weeks if resources are spread thin, as they are now with other active fires such as the Valley Fire northwest of Sacramento. The Valley Fire has consumed nearly 2,000 structures and claimed at least three lives.

The Butte Fire has burned approximately 71,000 acres and is 84 percent contained as of Sept. 23. There have been two civilian fatalities reported during this incident. The circumstances, as well as the cause of the fire, are under investigation.



For information on this and other wildfires:

http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/incidents/incidents_details_info?incident_id=1221



On Twitter:

#ButteFire #MCLBBarstow
#Firefighters #Engine401A



AROUND THE CORPS

A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow



(Center front row) Staff Sgt. Lauren Schoener, an agent with the Criminal Investigation Division from Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., and Cpl. Joshua Boozer from Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., took the title of HITT Ultimate Tactical Athlete from their competitors. Thirty-

four athletes endured a grueling three-day fitness challenge in order to earn the championship belt at the Inaugural HITT Athlete Championship at Twentynine Palms, Sept. 15 - 17. Athletes faced challenges such as a 100-yard sprint, 100-yard tire flip, 100-yard fireman's carry and a 100-yard sandbag bear hug carry.



Photo by: Lance Cpl. Austin Lewis

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. - U.S. Marines with Marine Raider Regiment, conduct a free-fall jump from the back of an MV-22B Osprey assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (VMM), during parachute exercises above drop zone Pheasant, N.C., Sept. 1. VMM-365 transported Marines assigned to Marine Raider Regiment as they conducted the exercises.



Photo by: Sgt. Scott Achtemeier

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. - A Critical Skills Operator with U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command uses a saw to cut through a metal door to gain entry on a building during Marine Special Operation School's Master Breacher Course, at Stone Bay aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 20. The Master Breacher course instructs Critical Skills Operators on how to overcome obstacles such as walls, fences and doors via a range of breaching methods including mechanical, ballistic, thermal and explosive.

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